

**Halton Hills  
Quilters' Guild  
Newsletter  
October  
2023**



**Halton Hills Quilters' Guild** (Established 1991)  
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7 pm – 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month (Sept – June, except Dec)

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Snacks: N/A

Hi Everyone:

The weather is cooling, leaves are changing very quickly, the kids have been back in school for a couple of months. Things are starting to get back to normal and people are starting to settle in with their routines. I am just getting my garden cleaned up for the end of the season, making plans for new quilts and still trying to finish off some from my constantly growing UFO list....lol.

I was so happy to see all the faces at the September's guild meeting. We had quite a few new faces and some returning familiar faces. Welcome! So glad you were able to join us.

I am hoping everyone had some special time with family and friends over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. Lots of hugs and great food no doubt!

What are your plans for the remainder of the year? Are you looking at making some Christmas gifts for your loved ones? Travelling? Share your adventures with us, we want to be inspired.

Inspiration is coming to our next guild meeting in the form of our October's presenter, Sharon Fisher. Sharon has a whole truck load of exceptional quilts and wall hangings. I am so excited to see it all again!! The first time I saw her show, I was just so stunned that I couldn't take it all in.

Thank you to all the executives for your contributions to making the guild what it is. I couldn't do it without you.

*Ida*

## Program ~~~Melinda Noble & Ida Jenkins



I'll let Sharon give you her full introduction at the meeting, but here are some of the basic highlights. Details have been obtained from Sharon's website:

<https://gardeningmumquilts.com/services/>

Sharon is a longarm quilter who also teaches basic quilting techniques, wool applique, hand stitching and embellishment stitches.

Sharon started quilting twenty-four years ago. She loves to learn new methods for any form of quilting, applique, and embroidery. Primitive quilting style has been one of her true passions, though you will see that she has tried all sorts of styles.

Lisa Bongean's "Primitive Gatherings" quilts, which feature traditional blocks embellished with wool and various types of yarns and threads is a wonderful example of where Sharon's interests and talents have led her journey. Combining her love of texture and colour with traditional, primitive and whimsical themes, Sharon has used embellishments to enrich basic designs, in the process, creating a niche for herself as a teacher in the true traditional style of quilters sharing skills and passion with other quilters.

### UPCOMING PROGRAM – NOVEMBER 2023

Hi All!!!! Irene Again!!!  
And YES, OUTREACH is taking over Program for the NOVEMBER Meeting!!!

We are having an "OUTREACH CHALLENGE" Night!  
Come and join us for the November meeting for a LOT of fun  
mixed in with some productive sewing activities!!!!

#### HOW IT WORKS:

Members will be working in groups of 3-5 people, to complete as much of a 'flimsy' as possible. In each group, there will be 'Layout Coordinators', 'Sewers', 'Pressers', 'Trimmers' and then of course 'Cheer-ers' for those that just want to watch the mayhem!!!!

Pre-made flimsy kits will be made up and ready for sewing.

The patterns will be simple, to promote completion during the meeting (fingers crossed!!!)

\*\*Note: if the flimsy is not completed, we are hoping someone in the group will take it home to finish!!!

I will have a 'sign up' sheet at the October meeting, so you can 'chat up' your sewing buddies and 'pre-form' your groups ahead of time! This way, I will know how many kits to make up, so everyone can join in on the fun!!! If you are not at the October meeting, you can let me know if you would like to participate and we will ensure you are able to do so!!!

#### WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU!!!

We are asking each group to provide the following, among its members:

- One or Two Sewing Machines and appropriate accessories (aka... power cord and feet!!)
- Basic sewing supplies (scissors, rippers (Oh My!!!))
- Cutting mat/supplies for trimming/squaring up (rulers and rotary cutters)
- Neutral thread (think black, gray, beige/white)
- Iron / board (think table top if possible - we do have a large ironing board and iron that will be available also)
- Power bar in case we need to share plugs!!!

#### DON'T WANT TO JOIN A GROUP?

No worries!! We just want to see everyone come out and be part of evening in any way you can!!

## *Quilting Terminology...from Anne Balanyk*

**Backstitch:** A stitch used to secure the stitch at the beginning and end of a seam by stitching 2 to 4 stitches forward, 2- 4 stitches back and then proceeding with your seam. This technique is done to secure the seam and ensure it does not pull apart during piecing or quilting of quilt.

**Basting:** Long stitches used to temporarily hold fabric in place, can be done by hand or by machine. It is also used to hold all three layers (quilt top, batting and backing) in place when ready for quilting. It is not necessary to secure thread knots on either ends of the stitching, as it is merely a way to ensure that your project stays secure and does not shift. These stitches can be removed once quilting is complete.

**Batting:** A product used between the quilt top and quilt backing. Batting is used for bed quilts, wall hangings, quilted clothing and home décor. Batting is also referred to as Wadding. It is generally made from cotton, cotton/polyester blend, bamboo, wool, or bamboo/cotton blend. There are two types of batting: with scrim and without scrim.

**Bias:** The length or width of woven fabric is considered straight grain, there is no stretch when fabric is on the straight of grain. When you cut diagonally at 45-degree angle across the straight grain, you will be on bias. When cutting on the Bias you will always have a greater amount of stretch.

**Binding:** Finishing of the quilt. Long, thin fabric strips that are attached to the raw edges of a quilt.

**Blanket Stitch:** An embroidery stitch used to attach appliqued fabric to a main fabric. Can be separately before cutting and piecing.

**Blocks:** The unit that is designed for a quilt. Generally, there will be many blocks in a quilt. A quilt block can be a single piece of fabric cut with a rotary cutter into a square or a block that has been pieced using many pieces of fabric and sewn together using  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch seam allowance.

**Blocking:** When a block is not square, a process that requires wetting and pressing fabric to a proper square block. This is also done using steam to help stretch portions of your block to match other blocks.

**Borders:** Strips of fabric that frame the edges of the quilt. You can have one or many borders in a quilt top. You may also have borders surrounding your quilt blocks, also known as sashing, or as part of quilt block design.

## *Membership...Margaret Newey*

*We now have 44 members. Please join me in welcoming Linda Burke, Lindsay Dunlop, Sabryna Jenkins, Margot LaFrance, Brenda Mathies, Kimberlee Moore, Megan Parr, Joan Stoddart, Pat Tufford and Valarie Wood who joined us for our September meeting.*

*One of our key goals is to encourage excellence in quilt making by providing a forum for fellowship and exchange of ideas and information. Your membership plays a vital role in achieving that goal.*

*I hope that you will all continue to enjoy the benefits of being part of our quilting community and I look forward to being with you "virtually" at all our monthly meetings, workshops and Sew and Chat days that are still in the planning stage.*

## President's Challenge 2023-2024



For this year's President's Challenge, I would like to challenge you to make a new piece. The piece should be something that sums up what speaks to you and brings you peace.

*What speaks to you and brings you peace?*

*It doesn't have to be a 'thing', as long as, you can articulate it in fabric.*

*Examples: a sunrise, cottage, water, a person's spirit, a feeling, colour or scent.*

*Whatever speaks to YOU!*

### Hearts & Hugs



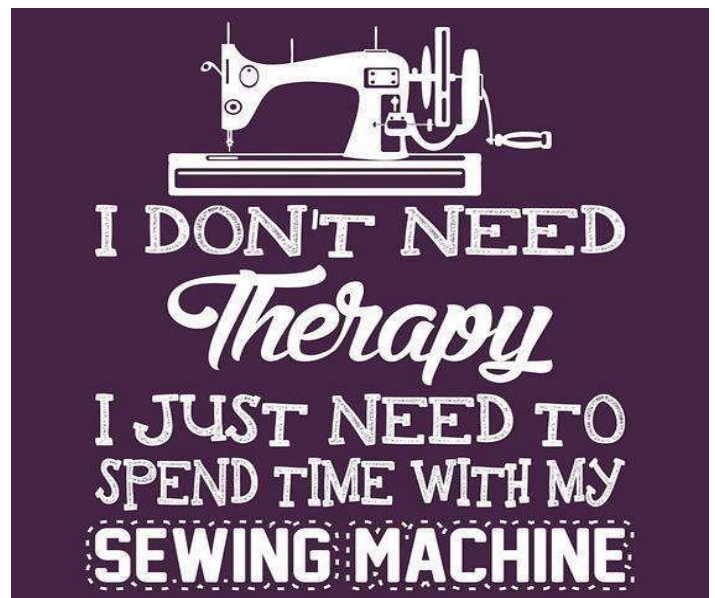
*Birthday greetings are ready to go out for September.*

*Please add the month and day of your birthday when renewing your membership.*

*Let me know by email of any member who could use words of comfort, get well messages or any other occasion that warrants acknowledgement from our membership.*

*I will respond accordingly.*

*~ Elaine*



***Facebook...HALTON HILLS QUILTERS' GUILD***

[www.facebook.com/groups/423151401425899](http://www.facebook.com/groups/423151401425899)

*Please choose the option to "Join Group" and I will add you.*

*The Facebook group belongs to all of us so let's use it to keep in touch in between meetings.*

*You can add your own photos and messages to share ideas or ask questions.*

*Look out for Tips & Tricks Tuesday for great ideas and please add your own, we all can benefit from your wisdom!*

*Rest assured that our Facebook group page is completely private and nothing you post on there will be visible to anyone other than guild members.*

*Margaret.....[margaretnewey@hotmail.com](mailto:margaretnewey@hotmail.com)*



... Cartoon courtesy of Irene Rushworth

***TREASURER REPORT - IRENE RUSHWORTH***

**Hello HHQG Members!**

**Here is an update for the Guild Accounts!**

**The balances in the accounts as of Sept 30/23 are as follows:**

<b>General Account:</b>	<b>\$ 1,929.15</b>
<b>Investment Savings:</b>	<b>\$ 9,869.30</b>
<b>Raffle Account:</b>	<b>\$ 1,901.50</b>
<b>Shares:</b>	<b>\$ 25.00</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$13,724.95</b>





## Website...Margaret Newey

Only a very few of you are actually members of our website at [WWW.HHQQ.CA](http://WWW.HHQQ.CA) so why not pay our website a visit and ask to join. It has general information about us as well as a private "Members Only" area where all of our Executive meeting minutes, monthly meeting minutes, newsletters and more are stored.

## Workshops

... Jane Symmes

A lot of interest in the machine-sewn Cathedral Window, quilt block design was shown at the June meeting.

We always try to accommodate the interests of our members in our planning.

Therefore, we are tentatively considering this technique as our next workshop in November.



## Reminders

- ❖ Please bring your mug and personal HHQG name tag to the October meeting.

## Newsletter Deadline

~~~ November 8<sup>th</sup> ~~~

## Sew & Chat ...Margaret Newey

I am willing to resume the zoom sew & chat days in this guild year and I would like to thank you for all being so patient and kind during my terrible 2022.

I would like to hear from you whether you want to stay home and keep using zoom or if we can figure out where to meet in person.

Margaret...[margaretnewey@hotmail.com](mailto:margaretnewey@hotmail.com)

## *Community Work .....*

I am collecting Christmas Tray Mats again this year for Links2Care formerly known as Meals on Wheels. They are 9" x 12" (23cm x 30.5cm) and can be any Christmas related pattern that you wish to make. I would appreciate having them by the end of November so they can be delivered to Links2Care by the end of the first week in December. We have a good start for this year and any that are left over from the 125 required are used the following year. 75 Tray Mats will be donated to Halton Hills and 50 to Milton.

Thank you for your participation.

*Pearl Sawden*



### ***OUTREACH REPORT - IRENE RUSHWORTH***

Hi Everyone,

What a wonderful start to our 2023-24 Guild year! It was so nice to see everyone at the September meeting, and thank you so much for everyone who visited the Outreach 'corner' !!!!  
Here is a little update on all things Outreach related!

#### **OUTREACH KITS:**

I am very pleased to report the following:

**Completed Kits returned:** 2 kids quilts, 1 finished top (will be re-kitted for finishing for October)

**New Kits signed out:** 4 - 2 new tops only, 1 to sandwich and quilt, 1 for binding

**New Member made Donations:** 3 baby quilts, 2 NICU quilts

**New Kits ready:** 2 ready to go tops; 2 ready to quilt/bind (they will be ready to pickup at the October meeting!!)

**FUND RAISING:** We will once again have our **\$SALE\$** table - please feel free to put together baggy/packages of items you would like to 'pass over' to Outreach to sell, as a way to raise money for the guild. If you are not comfortable pricing the item, no worry, I'll help you out!

#### **OUTREACH INVENTORY request!!!**

Members, do you have fabric in your stash that you know you will not use??? We are in need of cotton quilting fabric to make kits and most needed are blenders and neutrals to use as backgrounds. We would be grateful for anything on the colour wheel and from black to white - anything to allow us to create some beautiful quilts including. You can give us fat quarters, yardage, backing ends etc!!!!

**SURVEY SAYS!!!:** I will be sending out the survey again to give our new members a chance to weigh in on their quilting 'wish list'! I received a total of 11 responses the first time, so I am hoping to hear from many more of you! Your recommendations and comments are very valuable!!!

**DONATION RESOURCES:** I am waiting to hear back from some of the organizations in the community that we can donate our completed quilts to! Hopefully I can update this at the October Meeting!

**We have a lot to share with our community, and I am excited to get our quilts out there!!!**

# COME JOIN US UPCOMING EVENTS...

## GN Grand National Fibre Art Exhibition: 2024 an exhibition of quilt and fibre art



*Changing Directions (detail) by Katie Stein Sather*

### “Delights”

The Grand National committee challenges you to create a work of fibre art using the theme “Delights”. Every one of us has pleasures in our lives. What delights you? What makes you happy, joyous and cheerful? What lifts your heart? Share your “Delights” with us.

Entry requirements available at  
[www.grandnationalfibreartexhibition.com](http://www.grandnationalfibreartexhibition.com)

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*when you're holding fabric!*

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**October 28, 2023**

**10am-4pm**

**53 Church Street East, Brampton**

*I moved from a house to an apartment and I am clearing out.*

**EVERYTHING PRICED TO SELL!**

~ Wide variety of fabrics - \$5 per metre

~ Fat Quarters - \$2

~ Books \$3

~ Reclaimed wool

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~ UFOs

~ Quilt kits

~ Fiber Arts supplies

~ Storage solutions

~ Scrapbooking supplies

~ Beads/beading supplies

Sale will be in the Party Room in the basement. Enter at the back of the building.

Ample FREE parking at Rosalea Park parking lot - on the east side of the building

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## Lake Loop Quilt Shop Tour

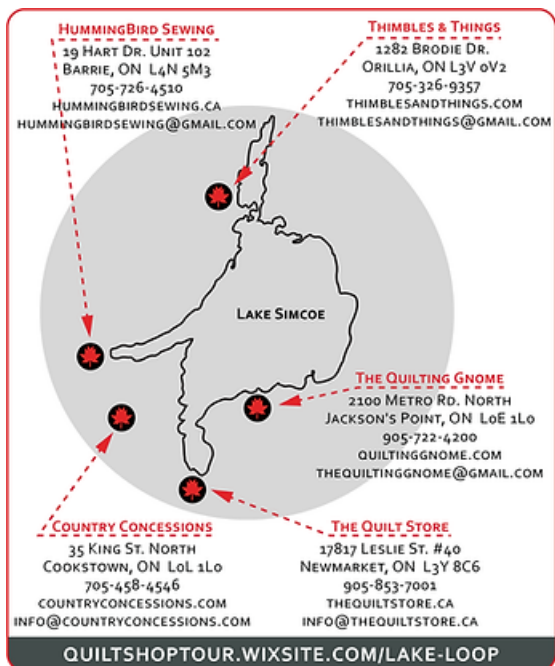
October 19-21, 2023

9am - 5pm

Purchase a Fabric Kit from each Quilt Shop and you will have all the fabric you will need to make 15 blocks. How FUN is that?!

**WHEN:** The Lake Loop Shop Hop begins Thursday, October 19th and ends Saturday, October 21st, 2023. Store hours are 9am to 5pm each day for the duration of this event.

**WHERE:** Your driving route around Lake Simcoe is entirely up to you! You can start and end at any participating quilt shop.



**FIVE QUILT SHOPS:** Five Quilt Shops are participating in the Lake Loop Shop Hop.

**Barrie:** HummingBird Sewing  
**Cookstown:** Country Concessions  
**Jackson's Point:** The Quilting Gnome  
**Newmarket:** The Quilt Store  
**Orillia:** Thimbles & Things

## Lake Loop Passport

Fill your Lake Loop Passport by collecting a stamp from each Quilt Shop for just visiting! Submit your completed passport at the last shop to be entered in the prize draws.

Print your own Passport, or pick up a copy from a participating store

## Quilt Project

This year's project is called  
"Feathered Friends". It features 15 blocks

(3 x 10" blocks per store) of bright, beautiful Birds that you raw edge applique and finish into a 46" x 70" quilt.



This beautiful quilt features border fabric from Elizabeth's Studio.  
Background & sashing fabric from Northcott.

### Feathered Friends Quilt Approx 46" x 70"

#### **BLOCK FABRIC KITS with PATTERN & TEMPLATES:**

- Each Quilt Shop will offer one Fabric Kit for \$17 containing the patterns, applique templates and fabric for 3 different bird blocks. If you purchase all five Fabric Kits, you will have enough fabric and patterns to complete 15 quilt blocks.
- You will just need to have about 3 metres of 12" wide fusible web (e.g., Steam-A-Seam Lite) on hand to make the applique birds for each 10" block.
- You can purchase fusible web at any of the quilt shops.

#### **FINISHING PATTERN & KIT:**

- At the last shop you visit, you will receive the Finishing Pattern free when you hand in your completed passport.
- At any of the shops you will have the opportunity to purchase a Finishing Kit for \$33. The Kit includes fabric for the sashing, border and binding.

Collect a Stamp in your Passport at all five Quilt Shops. At your final stop, remit your Passport and be entered into the prize draws.

**Grand Prize:** \$1,000 Shopping Spree (5 stores x \$200 each).

**Secondary Prize:** One of five \$200 gift cards (one from each Quilt Shop).

Winners will be contacted by phone. **Don't forget to fill out your name and contact information on your Passport!**



More information can be found at <https://quiltshoptour.wixsite.com/lake-loop>

***Advertiser's Corner...** Where to go when you need supplies or assistance.*



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